

REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims as shown above prior to the examination of the present application. The amendments have been made in order to enhance and reinforce clarity as well as to afford Applicant the scope of protection to which he is entitled.

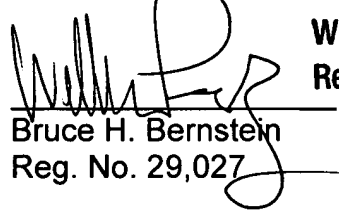
Entry of the herein-contained amendments, examination of the pending claims, and an indication of the Allowability thereof is respectfully requested, in due course.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Any amendments to the claims which have been made in this amendment, and which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the prior art, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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